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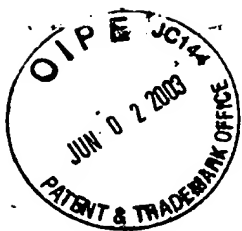
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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Allowed) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:

a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;

a strap having a first and second end, the first end attached to the skier;

a strap pin attached to the second end of the strap;

an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the strap pin to the ski pole grip;

an ejection mechanism;

an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip, the strap pin inserting horizontally into the channel and engaging with the attachment mechanism while moving the ejection mechanism into a compressed cocked position; and

a button extending from one of the lateral sides of the ski pole grip and mechanically coupled to the attachment mechanism, the button depressible by the hand of the skier disengaging the attachment mechanism from the strap pin allowing the ejection mechanism to